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1. The decision of the Partido Izquierda Revolucionario (PIR) to throw its influence behind an all-out strike effort in Bolivia has not been sufficient to stem a growing back-to-work movement. After debating the advisability of joining in the labor disturbances, PIR leaders finally decided to collaborate with the Movimiento Nacionalista Revolucionario (MNR) and the Partido Obrero Revolucionario (POR). Three PIR-controlled unions, the Bolivian Federation of Labor (CSTB), the Railway Federation (FSF) and the University Students Federation (FUB) collaborated in a joint general strike resolution on 1 June.
2. It is believed that the general strike is not developing as had been expected by the MNR and the POR, partly because the arrest of the principal agitators has led to disorganization and division. Sources still report that the situation is explosive and that a government victory depends on firm but intelligent handling to prevent incidents which could set off another Bogota in La Paz. It is thought that fear of occasioning such an incident led Acting President Urriolagoitia to call off the pro-government demonstration which had been set for 2 June.

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25X1A Comment. Progress is being made toward the termination of La Paz factory and railway strikes, which are considered decisive labor fronts in the present situation. Railway service has never been entirely interrupted. A train from Arica was brought in by the government on 1 June, and a train from Gualaqui was conveyed to La Paz on 2 June. An occasional train has reached La Paz from Oruro.

The government has also been depending heavily on the continued publication of La Paz newspapers, which are pro-government, to assist it in controlling the situation and on 1 June the typesetters joined bank employees in deciding not to strike. The power strike which was threatened in Oruro has not materialized.

Public disorder and violence have so far been avoided in La Paz, and the government's position continues to improve.

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